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In response to the Official Action mailed May 31, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as indicated in the following:

Amendments to the Specification which begins on page 2 of this paper;

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